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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended) A recording paper comprising a paper support having a front surface and a rear surface opposite the front surface and a recording layer formed on the front surface of the paper support, the paper support having a ribbon-shaped security element embedded therein, the ribbon-shaped security element having a front surface facing the front surface of the paper support and a rear surface facing the rear surface of the paper support, and the recording paper being characterized in that:

the distance from the front surface of the paper support to the front surface of the security element is 1 to 7 times the thickness of the security element;

the distance from the rear surface of the paper support to the rear surface of the ribbon-shaped security element is 0.5 to 6 times the thickness of the security element;

the thickness of the paper support is 4 times to 10 times the thickness of the ribbon-shaped security element;

the thickness of the paper support is 40 to 250 $\mu\text{m}$ ;

the ribbon-shaped security element has a width of 0.3 mm to 20 mm and a thickness of 10  $\mu\text{m}$  to ~~80  $\mu\text{m}$~~  to 40  $\mu\text{m}$ ; and

the recording layer is a heat-sensitive recording layer